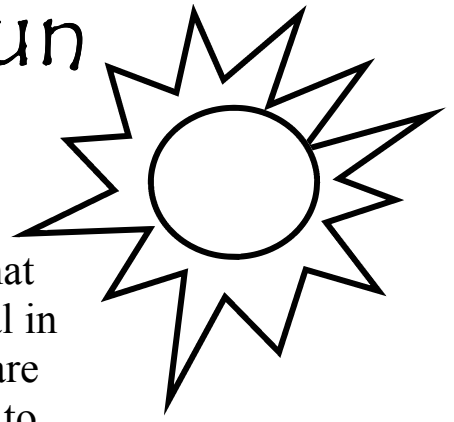


Color for the Summer Sun



One of the more common questions that we get in the nursery is, “Isn’t there anything that blooms in the summer?” The answer is, “Yes, there are lots of plants that bloom in the summer, even in full sun.” Most are tropical in origin, though a few come from the Middle East. Some are annuals, some are bushes, and a few are trees. We’d like to introduce you to a few of the most outstanding:

Annuals/Perennials:

Vinca (*Catharanthus roseus*) red, fuchsia, pink, lilac, or white

‘Profusion’ Zinnia (*Zinnia* hybrid) pink, orange, yellow, or white

Star Zinnia (*Zinnia angustifolia*) orange, yellow, or white

Coreopsis (*Coreopsis grandiflora*) yellow

Blanketflower (*Gaillardia grandiflora*) red, orange, yellow, coral, and/or cream

Cup Flower (*Nierembergia violacea*) blue-purple or white

Portulaca (*Portulaca grandiflora*) fuchsia, scarlet, orange, yellow, pink, or white

Flowering Purslane (*Portulaca umbraticola*) same as Portulaca

‘New Look’ Celosia (*Celosia plumosa* ‘New Look’)—other types of Celosia need afternoon shade to look their best. beet red

Lisianthus, tall kinds (*Eustoma grandiflorum*)—dwarf kinds need afternoon shade. lavender-blue, purple, pink, or white

Globe Amaranth (*Gomphrena globosa*) purple, pink, red, or white

Verbena, Moss (*Verbena tenuisecta gracilior*) lavender-blue, pink, or white

Anise Hyssop & kin (*Agastache* species & hybrids) all except yellow

Aster, Oregon-Pacific Hybrids (*Aster dumosus* hybrids) blue, purple, pink, or white

Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) gold and dark brown

Gloriosa Daisy (*Rudbeckia hirta*) yellow, gold, orange, and/or mahogany-red

Britton’s Ruellia (*Ruellia brittoniana*) lavender-blue, pink, or white

Dwarf Ruellia (*Ruellia brittoniana* ‘Katy’, ‘Rosa’, or ‘Blanca’) lavender-blue, pink, or white

Rock Penstemon (*Penstemon baccharifolius*) light red

Summer Snapdragon (*Angelonia angustifolia*) purple, blue, pink, or white

Black-Eyed Susan Vine (*Thunbergia alata*) yellow, orange, coral, pink, or cream
Hyacinth Bean (*Dolichos lablab*)
Canna (*Canna generalis* hybrids)
Rocky Point Iceplant (*Malephora lutea*)
Purple Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum* ‘Rubrum’)—red-purple foliage
Star Cluster (*Pentas lanceolata*)
Ornamental Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas*)
Angelita Daisy (*Tetraneris acaulis*)
Verbena, Trailing (*Verbena peruviana* hybrids)

Bushes & Vines:

Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea* species & hybrids)—the best summer bloomers are ‘Barbara Karst’, ‘Rainbow Gold’, ‘James Walker’, ‘Tahitian Dawn’, ‘Rosenka’, & ‘Torch Glow’
Red Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*)
Trumpet Creeper (*Campsis radicans* & *C. x tagliabuana*)
Littleleaf Cordia (*Cordia parvifolia*)
Sky Flower (*Duranta erecta* ‘Sweet Memory’)
Blue Emu Bush (*Eremophila x* ‘Summertime Blue’)
Mexican Firecracker (*Hamelia patens*)
Hibiscus, some kinds (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*)—Primarily ‘San Diego Red’, ‘Brilliant’, ‘Lipstick’, and a

few others.

Lantana (*Lantana camara*, *L. montevidensis*, and their hybrids)
Texas Sage & kin (*Leucophyllum* species & hybrids)
Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
Dwarf Pomegranate (*Punica granata* ‘Nana’)
Castor Bean (*Ricinus communis*)
Coral Fountains (*Russelia equisetiformis*)
Desert Senna (*Senna wislizenii*)
Yellow Bells (*Tecoma stans*)
Orange Jubilee (*Tecoma* hybrid)
Snail Vine (*Vigna caracalla*)
Chaste Tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*)
Devil’s River Daisy (*Zexmenia hispida*)

Trees:

Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
Chitalpa (*x Chitalpa tashkentensis*)
Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* ‘Krauter Vesuvius’ or ‘Thundercloud’)—colorful leaves.
Thevetia (*Thevetia peruviana*)
Chaste Tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*)
Yellow Bells (*Tecoma stans*)
Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)